

10. (Twice Amended) A surface treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plasma vent has a circular section.

11. (Twice Amended) A surface treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plasma vent has a slit shape.

12. (Twice Amended) A surface treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said substrate is given with electric potential.

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action was issued on pending claims 1-5 and 7-12. The Office Action indicates that claim 6 is also pending. However, claim 6 was cancelled without prejudice in the Preliminary Amendment submitted with the filing of the patent application. Claims 2-4 and 9 have been withdrawn from consideration. In this Response, claims 1, 5, 7, 8, and 10-12 have been amended, and no claims have been added or canceled. Thus, claims 1, 5, 7, 8, and 10-12 are pending and under consideration.

Drawings:

On page 2 of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to. In response, the drawings have been amended per the enclosed copy of the drawings marked in red ink which are attached to a separate letter titled Drawings Amendment. A copy of the drawings marked up with red ink is attached to this Response for the Examiner's reference. The enclosed amendments to the drawings renumber Figs. 2-20 to Figs. 1-19, respectively.

Thus, Applicants submit that the objection to the drawings has been overcome.

Abstract:

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Abstract of the disclosure was objected to. In response, the Abstract has been replaced with the enclosed, revised Abstract which is on a separate sheet.